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Courier's Home Circle

THE IDEAL HOME.

[Written for this department by request and on condition we omit names. Out of six requests sent out our lady readers in Hickman have responded as follows:]

My ideal home, is not necessarily adorned with the trappings of wealth; neither must it be saddened by lacking poverty. A competence there must be; which, with industry and thrift will preserve its inmates from painful anxieties.

In this home, the husband is the bread winner, the wife the home maker, and together they reign as king and queen over the little realm. The children, for there are children in my ideal home, are loyal and obedient subjects, every one; and it never occurs to them, to question the divine right of their king and queen to rule.

Order and system prevail; but love and self-sacrifice for Love's sake, animates all hearts within this home, and to be good and do good is their constant rule of conduct. Health, smiling goddess, stands at its portal and scatters happiness and prosperity with lavish hands. The table is not only the place where nature's recurring wants are daily supplied, but a school of manners; yet their harmless mirth disports itself unrebuked, and thought unfettered flows. Books there are in abundance, bringing the culture of countries and all ages within reach of this charmed circle. Flowers bloom in the window, a smile at you from the garden paths with their suggestions of beauty and refinement. Yet, whatever else may be there, the guests who frequent this house are its choicest, most valued ornaments.

The head of my "ideal home" is a father possessing firmness of character without being a tyrant. He gives the best that he is, socially and mentally, to his family. The mother is patient, kind and courageous, the children obedient. This home is not the home of wealth, neither is it the home of poverty. Order and system prevail in every department. The radiance of truth rests on each face. There is refinement and culture. The mother tongue is spoken in all its purity. This ideal home is a Christian home. The Bible is read here and its precepts are lived. Books and papers are to be seen everywhere. The books are selected with care so that they may entertain and instruct without corrupting the reader. No profanity or slang is heard here. The cup that inebriates has never had a place in this home. The children honor their parents and the parents respect the right of the children, and life is made as bright as possible for them. They are early taught to love the beautiful in art as well as nature. Flowers and music help to refine and beautify their home. This family are taught to deal justly and they weigh their fellow man by what he is and not what he has. This "ideal home" is so attractive that the children are not tempted to spend their evenings on the street or in doubtful places of amusement.

Dear Editor:—What do you say—"my idea of Home," in the space you indicate? A volume, and a large one, would be required to discuss the mere outlines of this subject. But you have given me some time to boil down my crude imperfect ideas on this theme. A great writer, you know, said on one occasion: "This is a very long letter, but positively I had not time to make it shorter."

"An Ideal Home," you say. Well, it must be where love abides, rockrooted in confidence.

It must be where physical comforts are not wanting, but where luxury and pretences have not usurped the places of peace and repose. There may be more joy in the hovel than in the palace; but you are asking for the "ideal" home, and such a home requires all the comforts.

There must be music, because music is the language of the soul when ordinary language fails.

There must be religion. I do not speak of creeds or doctrines or Bibles or prayer books. There must be a deep, reverential, God-fearing and God-trusting religion, which exemplifies the doctrine taught in the sermon on the mount, and the golden rule.

There should be calm, low voices and quiet manners. There should be children and books, and pictures and flowers. The silver hairs and tremulous voice of age should be there—the grandmother or grandfather, or both.

The well-bred guest should be there, and the way to the door should not be hedged against the poor, for he is "always with you."

With these crude suggestions accepted and applied, I should say with one whose literary shoes I am

NEW RULER OF THE ELKS



Rush L. Holland of Colorado Springs, Colo., was elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks at the Dallas meeting. Mr. Holland is an attorney. He moved to Colorado Springs from Zanesville, O., eight years ago.

not worthy to unloose:

"Home, it is where the day-star springs,
And where the evening sun reposes;
Where'er the eagle spread his wings
From northern snows to southern roses."

In the ideal home the ruling principle will be love. Love to the Supreme Ruler of the universe and love for each member of the family.

Here the golden rule will be followed in all intercourse of one with another. Perfect harmony exists between parents in regard to the management of household affairs and the training of the children. The same rules of courtesy will be observed that we expect to find in

society. In some respect, the parents sustain the same relation to children that officers of the law sustain to the people. Good citizens never disobey the laws, requiring the infliction of punishment, and were in all probability, reared in homes where the majesty of the law was inculcated without the aid of corporal punishment. In the "ideal homes" children will be taught the principles of obedience and self-denial as soon as they can understand, although it requires "line upon line, and precept upon precept." With the exercise of much patience, the model parent will gain the love and obedience of the child without harshness, or what some one has designated "physical persuasion," and instead of trying to beat goodness into children will make their natural tendencies and possibilities the subject of earnest study: then by kindness and gentleness, so train these as to secure a harmonious development, physical mental and moral, the normal activities will be directed into laudable channels and a desire created to do what is required.

Any man can shave himself with Porter's "Tuff-Steel" razor with perfect ease, for Jerry Porter's goods are the very best and have to be when he says so.

Heard In The Crowd

—Gasoline at the Courier Office.

Mrs. J. P. Wiseman is on the sick list.

Keep your eye on the Courier's piano contest.

Dick Searce, of Cayce, was in town Saturday.

Judge Remley is campaigning in Fulton, this week.

Some diphtheria in Fulton county, if reports are true.

W. J. Harper was in Union City on business, Monday.

James Crawford, of Cayce, was in Hickman last week.

J. L. Clevidence, of Belmont, Mo., was in town Saturday.

Dr. C. M. Blackford is spending the week in Louisville.

The Courier and the weekly Commercial-Appeal one year for \$1.25.

Miss Azalee Ray, of Mayfield, spent Saturday and Sunday in Hickman.

S. D. Luten, candidate for County Clerk, is spending the week in Fulton.

Ellis Henry, son of P. B. Henry of Route 4, is attending school at Henderson, Tenn.

Tom Prather, of State Line, left Sunday night for Louisville, to attend the state fair.

Edwin Fuqua, of the Union City Commercial, spent Sunday with his parents in Hickman.

W. L. Helm, one of our popular young merchants, is in St. Louis this week buying goods.

FAIR WARNING.—All subscribers to this paper who owe as much as one year go off our list.

Tetleys Tea at Moore's. When the best tea costs less than a half cent a cup why not have it?

Willie Amberg left Tuesday for Nashville. He will attend Vanderbilt University again this year.

Cascade Flour. If you haven't tried it yet, you haven't had the best. Call No. 4—C. H. Moore.

Mrs. R. S. Murrell and son, Silas, are in Louisville this week, visiting Mrs. Scott and attending the State Fair.

Martin Schmidt and wife, and two children, of Union City, spent Sunday with their son, Carl Schmidt, the tailor.

You will enjoy a meal at Perry & White's restaurant. Good, clean cooking and seasonable edibles. Also, soft drinks.

Misses Charlotte Hubbard and Dottie Davidson left this week for Nashville, where they will attend school this year.

Special orders taken for china and glassware—anything you want—delivered in four days.—Farmers Hardware Co.

C. C. Smith, of the progressive firm of Smith & Amberg, is in the St. Louis market this week. Watch for their big announcement.

The Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the Kentucky State Medical Association will be held at Winchester, September 23rd to 25th inclusive.

The Elizabethtown News rises to remark that somebody has discovered a substance 300 times sweeter than sugar. The Courier man knew of that a long time ago—its about 18 years old and wears a white dress.

Jerry Porter, of Clinton, Ky., originator of Porter's "Tuff-Glass" lamp chimneys, which have a national fame on their merits, is now putting on the market Porter's "Tuff Steel" Razors, every razor bearing Mr. Porter's name on the blade, and he is advertising it as the best razor made and the people are going to believe just what Jerry Porter says about it.

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